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# The View from Elmsley Place

**D**ecember 15, 2005 was not just another day in the history of St. Michael's. On that day in the Ontario Legislature, the *University of St. Michael's College Act, 2005* was officially proclaimed. The Act is only the third piece of legislation governing St. Michael's in its history – the first being *An Act to Incorporate St. Michael's College in the Diocese of Toronto* of 1855, and the second being *The University of St. Michael's College Act, 1958*, which gave St. Michael's the authority to grant degrees and established the Collegium as the governing body of the institution. The main purpose of the new Act is to reform the Collegium according to contemporary models of university governance. Previously, the Collegium was basically made up of the officers of the College under the chairmanship of the President.

The new Act is the culmination of years of hard work on the part of many at St. Michael's, extending back to the Collegium's decision to establish a Governance Task Force under the leadership of William Broadhurst ST1 and Jack Dimond, then Secretary of the Governing Council of the University of Toronto. In their Final Report in 1997, Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Dimond recommended, among other things, that the Collegium be made more broadly representative of the College's internal and external stakeholders: "These include St. Michael's historic sponsors (of whom the Basilians would remain the most prominent), others with a natural interest in a post-secondary institution with a Catholic mission, as well as alumni and other dedicated lay persons, and representatives of the internal University community." They also recommended that a majority of the members of the Collegium should be "external" to St. Michael's (that is, not members of the administration, staff, or faculty), in order to ensure that "the senior governing body of the University is the locus of institutional accountability."



PHOTO: PETE GAFFNEY

"Governance issues" may seem to have little relevance in the day-to-day life of an institution, and changes in this area often attract less attention than new College buildings or academic programs. However, reflecting on the broad responsibilities of a university governing body makes it clear that governance issues are of primary importance. The Collegium is responsible for articulating the mission of the College, establishing programs and policies to support it, and selecting leaders and finding resources to ensure it is carried out. "In short," according to the Governance Task Force, "governing arrangements are concerned with the direction and the overall health of an institution and should seek to hand the institution on to succeeding generations in good condition."

The new *University of St. Michael's College Act*, and the bylaws which have been adopted for the reformed Collegium, will serve this goal well. The new Collegium is now just starting its work. It is a development that brings renewed hope and confidence as we look ahead to the challenges and opportunities of the years and decades to come.

BY RICHARD ALWAY 6T2  
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



# CAMPUS NOTES

## Fr. Mallon's 100th A Day of Generosity to the Mallon Bursary

**F**ather Frank Mallon, CSB celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday, February 11th, 2006. The occasion was marked by a special mass held at St. Basil's Church, followed by a reception in Odette Student Lounge in Brennan Hall. Over two hundred and fifty close friends and family members came to be with Fr. Mallon on his special day.

The Mallon Family has a strong and very long relationship with the Basilian Fathers and St. Michael's College. Four brothers graduated from St. Michael's College in the early decades of the 20th Century: Paul 2T1, Francis 2T9, Hugh 3T1, and Gregory 3T2. The four brothers after graduation decided to enter the Basilians; three returned to St. Michael's College to exercise their priestly ministry. Father Frank has been a priest since 1934.

If you would like to honour Fr. Frank Mallon on his 100th



L to R. Mary Agnes Garvey Murphy 5T1, Harold Murphy 4T9, Fr. J. Francis Mallon, CSB 2T9, Andra and Leonard (RED) Kelly

Birthday, in lieu of a personal gift, he has requested a donation to the Mallon Family Scholarship. Gifts to date have increased the Mallon Family Scholarship fund by \$22,000.

## Medieval Mirth Orientation 2005 for 700 students

BY REZA KETABI

Melissa Battersby, Orientation Queen,  
Reza Ketabi, Orientation Co-ordinator and  
SMC Principal Mark McGowan bracketed  
by Orientation Staff Members Genevieve  
McDonough McLennan and Dean Peñañiel.

**I**N September of 2005, our Orientation Week welcomed 550 Frosh (incoming first year students) to the University of St. Michael's College, with 150 volunteers participating in the week-long event. With 700 students involved, this orientation was one of the biggest ever.

For six months, coordinators Reza Ketabi, Melissa Battersby and JP Giliberto, worked to create a week to remember. Our theme being Medieval Mirth, volunteers transformed St. Mike's into a kingdom of Kings, Queens, Knights, Squires and Court Jesters. Students engaged in a tournament of games and activities, as well as a few academic sessions, to help our newcomers make a successful transition into university. Activities included a UofT-wide parade through the streets of downtown Toronto, a concert with Sloan, and a dinner at Medieval Times. At 'Invocation' (the opposite of Convocation), President Richard Alway and the faculty of St. Michael's College welcomed our new students, with a notable talk by CBC broadcaster, Rex Murphy. SMC students even made the six o'clock news on CTV with their triumphant victory in the annual Bed-Races held at Kings College Circle. The week ended with a banquet for 500 on Orientation Field. New students had the chance to meet and dine with professors, teaching assistants, senior students and staff from St. Mike's.

I know that many of the Frosh of 2005 will remember these seven days for the rest of their lives.

*Reza Ketabi is a Don at McBrady House at St. Michael's College.*



## GIVING

# A Life, a Gift and Christian Community

The De Konings chose to support their beliefs with a charitable gift annuity

BY CHRISTINA ATTARD OT3, CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING OFFICER

**W**hy would anyone make a legacy gift? Jan and Jane De Koning have an answer, having taken out a Charitable Gift Annuity, with St. Michael's as a beneficiary.

Neither Jan nor Jane De Koning is a graduate of the College. For the De Koning family, coming to St. Michael's College was part of an entire life story. Jan explains: "To understand my involvement with St. Michael's College, it is necessary to go back to 1942 when I went to the Free University in Amsterdam. Incoming first year students had to take a Christian Philosophy course. This course gave direction to my life." Jan's studies came to a halt on February 6, 1943 when he went into hiding from German forces as they were arresting students in Amsterdam.

Jan came to the University of Toronto to resume his studies. Once he had earned his BSc, the University hired him as a tutor. In 1959, Jan met Larry Lynch, Principal of St. Michael's College. It was through him that Jan became cross-appointed to St. Michael's College. "He asked me to join St. Michael's, because I was a good Christian."

The importance of Christian community in Jan's life was integral to his career at St. Michael's. "Not being Catholic did not hamper my feelings of unity in Christ. The Christmas parties with Father Owen Lee at the piano, the singing, and the serious talks are unforgettable to me."

The De Konings' youngest daughter completed a degree in the Christianity and Culture Program. Her involvement with the program and their dedication to Christian education convinced the De Konings to support the Christianity and Culture program with a Charitable Gift Annuity.

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# Continuing Education

Learning for the sheer joy of it

BY LAUREL ANN FINN

A few feet of pavement can make a big difference. Moving from the USMC Registrar's Office, where I spent almost ten years, to the Continuing Education Division is providing me with some continuity, change and personal challenge.

I'm still dealing with students (albeit only 1,200 and not 4,000), but the clientele are decidedly older, and the need to finish courses with good grades in order to make it into a professional faculty no longer exists, lightening the atmosphere a great deal.

In the undergraduate division, most students finish their mandatory twenty credits and graduate. It is not unusual to come across students in our division who have taken more than one hundred courses; some sign up for thirty or forty courses in one session. (If residence space became available, I'm sure they'd be first in line.)

Finally, running eighty-nine courses brings new logistical and personal challenges every day, but that keeps an administrative life interesting.



Laurel Ann Finn



Rachele Settino Muia 7T2, Registrar 1998 to 2006

# Why Students Choose St. Mike's

New Associate Registrar says alumni memories can be the clincher

BY ANDREA RETTEGHY MCGEE

Who is the best college recruiter? Alumni and friends, spreading the good word about St. Mike's College, that's who!

The power of the spoken word is one of the first things I learned when I joined the St. Michael's College team as the new Associate Registrar in charge of Admissions & Recruitment. Our future students rely heavily on what their friends and family say, when they are making a final decision as to which College to choose at the University of Toronto.

Explaining the college system for prospective students and encouraging them to come to Saint Mike's was the object of my visit to half a dozen schools across the Greater Toronto Area in the past few months. This venture worked particularly well since our own student ambassadors, another source of credible recommendations, came with me to share their own experiences at St. Michael's College.

In particular, I would encourage our alumni and friends who are educators to contact me. I would love to visit you and your classes during the fall for Information Sessions or in the winter months for your many Parent Nights.

I look forward to working with many of you in the years to come!



Andrea Retteghy McGee

## Thank-you Rachele Muia

Rachele Muia joined St. Michael's College in July of 1998, after having served in other administrative roles for the Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty of Information Studies. At St. Michael's College, Rachele served as Registrar, secretary of the USMC Senate and member of the College Council Executive, and has been a prominent participant at our annual June Convocations. She was the first lay registrar of the College, following in the footsteps of previous Basilian registrars. Rachele initiated many administrative reforms in the Office of the Registrar and Student Services and has presided over the challenges presented by the 2002 double cohort of students entering the U of T. The College community extends to Rachele its thanks and very best wishes as she embarks on a new phase of her life.



# St. Michael's Student Joanna Nairn 0T6 Shares International Debating Championship

Nairn and team partner

Michael Koterly (UT Law) take  
debating title in 325-team contest

Joanna Nairn (SMC 0T6) returned from Dublin in December as half of the championship team in international inter-collegiate debating. Competing against 324 teams from forty countries, Joanna and her team partner Michael Koterly (UT Law) defeated teams from Yale, the University of Chicago, and Inner Temple (Law, UK), on the topic: "Be it resolved that animal cruelty laws be abolished." Taking the negative side of the question Joanna and Michael prevailed in this four-way championship round. This was just one more accolade in Joanna's stellar debating career with the Hart House Debates Club. She has won the Canadian University tournament for U of T, was judged best speaker at the Cambridge tournament, which was also won by her team, and placed in the top three speakers, as a member of U of T's semifinal team, at the Oxford tournament. Joanna is currently completing her degree in Political Science and is eyeing a career in law.



Nairn and team partner  
Michael Koterly

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| 2 June                | Loretto College Chapel                           |
| 11 a.m.               | 70 St. Mary Street                               |
| 12 noon               | <b>50th Anniversary Lunch, Class of 5T6</b>      |
|                       | Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall                  |
|                       | Tour of Fr. Dan Donovan's Art Collection         |
| 8 p.m. to<br>Midnight | <b>All Alumni Reception</b>                      |
|                       | <b>Alumni Art Show</b>                           |
|                       | Odette Lounge, Brennan Hall                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>       | <b>USMC Celebration of the Founders</b>          |
| 3 June                | <b>Visit with the Sisters of Loretto College</b> |
| 1 – 4 p.m.            | 70 St. Mary Street                               |
| 1 p.m.                | <b>Mass in Loretto College Chapel</b>            |
| 6:30 p.m.             | <b>Cocktail Reception for Honoured Years</b>     |
|                       | Odette Lounge, Brennan Hall                      |
| 7:30 p.m.             | <b>Dinner for Honoured Years</b>                 |
|                       | Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall             |
| 10 - 11 p.m.          | <b>After Dinner Reception</b>                    |
|                       | Odette Lounge, Brennan Hall                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>         | <b>All Alumni Spring Reunion Mass</b>            |
| 4 June                | College Chapel, below St. Basil's Church         |
| 11 a.m.               |  |
| Noon                  | <b>Complimentary Brunch</b>                      |
|                       | Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall             |



Champions! L to R:  
Dan Mossip-Balkwill,  
Lakan Tomas,  
Spenser Bruce,  
Greg DiTomso, and  
Eric Dobrowolsky



# The Cup Comes Back

Mulock football turns into rugby, and SMC triumphs

BY DUANE RENDLE,  
DEAN OF STUDENTS, USMC

Rugby? The old weekend trek across Queen's Park? The Mulock Cup? A new sport has captured the imagination of SMC students. The spirit of the fighting Irish of Bay Street has returned. If you are 9T5 or earlier, you know that no fall weekend was complete without bundling up in blankets and toques, trundling across Queen's Park armed with thermoses of coffee (at least we think it was coffee), and watching the mighty St. Mike's football team play their weekly competition for the Mulock Cup.

The Cup is the oldest annually awarded sports trophy in Canada. Before the termination of the intramural Mulock Cup Football League in 1993, it was the oldest football trophy awarded in annual competition in North America. The Cup was donated in 1894 by then UofT Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Mulock. (The Grey Cup was donated in 1909.)

Now, rugby is the game that is drawing students across Queen's Park en masse. Recent grads may find it hard to believe, but prior to 1993, all U of T Colleges boasted their very own honest to goodness CFI style gridiron football – with pads, helmets,



The Mulock Cup nestles into its rightful place among the St. Mike's rugby champs. Back Row (L to R): Jerome Smith, Matt Peterson, Romy Dadula, Greg Bubela, Matthew Trincione, Aaron Martin, John Estabillio, Dan Mossip-Balkwill, Peter Flood, Greg O. Tramasu, Rine Dutkus, Will Harris, Dylan Marando. Third Row (L to R): Jerome Gardiner, Aerilla Dissanai. Second Row (L to R): Spence Bruce, Grant Madigen, Tim Edwards, Lakan Tomas, Erik Dubrowski, Sean (Kaz) Mukai. Front Row (L to R): Mitch Lam, Paul Neville, Steve Figueiredo.

coaches and the works. The current bike storage room on the ground floor of Elmsley Hall was actually the old football locker room and a padlocked storage closet down there still holds what's left of the equipment that used to protect our brave young men of renown.

What happened to remove football and gradually move rugby onto the field? First was the cost of insurance. In 1993 the realities of the modern world finally caught up with U of T and exorbitantly high insurance rates sounded the death knell for intramural football. It's hard to determine the deleterious effect that the loss of SMC's football team had on college spirit, but many would agree that a small piece of St. Mike's died the year the program was cancelled.

Graduates of the last decade may not know of St. Mike's football tradition. St. Mike's reputation as a sports college and the legendary coaching of people such as Lex Byrd (a former Toronto Argonaut), had made SMC's football team a perennial contender. In fact, St. Mike's has the bragging rights of winning the covered Mulock Cup for four straight years (1990 – 1993) until it was withdrawn from competition.

Thus it was that, on November 13, 2005, over 200 students, parents and curiosity seekers packed the sidelines of the front campus to watch the Championship Rugby game between SMC and Engineering's Skule team. Skule had not lost a regular season game in five years and many were wondering if SMC had what it takes to supplant the Engineering juggernaut.

As in days of football yore, the engineering band was on hand to motivate their large fan base and SMC's fans countered with countless renditions of "Hoikety Choik." Not just the spirit of the

event, but the game itself proved to be a classic. When the mud finally settled, SMC had won by a score of 11 to 5. In a fitting *déjà vu* moment, the victorious players were once again presented with the venerable Mulock Cup which had been rededicated as the rugby trophy when the tackle football league was disbanded. When the dear old trophy was hoisted over the heads of our players with Hart House tower looking on in the background, it became official – rugby had become the new football at SMC.

The rise of SMC's rugby team from also-ran to undisputed champions has been nothing short of meteoric. Prior to 2004, St. Mike's could not even muster enough interest in the sport to field a team of their own and actually had to share a squad with Trinity. One player in particular, Eric Dobrovosky, found this situation to be untenable and took it upon

himself to round up enough SMC students so they could sever their alliance with Trinity and field a team of their own.

Thus began the next part of the resurgence of Mulock Cup dominance. Being a former resident himself, Dobrovosky recruited heavily from the resident population. More House in particular proved to be fertile ground with no fewer than 11 of their residents joining the squad. In addition to Eric's recruiting in 2004, that same year SMC's Dean of Students agreed to take in five exchange students from the United Kingdom. As luck would have it, three of them had grown up playing competitive rugby and were only too eager to apply their skills on this side of the pond. One player in particular, Ian Carmichael from Scotland, shared coaching duties with Dobrovosky and the two of them proved to be a formidable duo.

The 2004 campaign exceeded everyone's wildest expectations with SMC going 4-0-1 in the regular season. This string of victories happened despite the fact that some players had never actually played organized rugby before. One player in particular, Greg DiTomaso, tells how he received a makeshift tutorial session on the rules while traveling to his first game on the team bus.

But what our boys and one girl lacked in experience, they more than made up for in dedication. Bi-weekly rugby scrimmages were held on Orientation field and afterwards, many of the team would unwind at O'Grady's pub on College street where Carmichael and Dobrovosky would draw up plays and discuss strategy late into the night.

The hard work paid off and SMC earned a playoff birth in their very first independent season. However, their semi-final game against UTSC (Scarborough) was marred by controversy. Two would-be tries that would have iced the game ended up being called back by the referee. In addition, SMC's stalwart winger, Mat Flanigan had his ankle broken in three places on an illegal tackle

early in the second half. Despite the bad luck, the game remained tied at the end of regulation. UTSC ended up winning in overtime on a penalty kick. Although the 2004 campaign ended in disappointment, the team's solid showing gave everyone the confidence and motivation they needed to rebuild for next year.

In 2005, the exchange students from the UK were gone and Eric Dobrovosky took over as the sole captain. Eric decided that what his team needed more than anything was a strong dose of the fundamentals. Out were the fun-filled scrimmage practices of 2004 and in were drills, drills and more drills. Three times a week, Eric would meet with his squad on Orientation Field and they would methodically work on getting the basics down pat. The tactic paid dividends as SMC went 5-0 during the regular season earning themselves their second playoff birth in as many years. This time, they were prepared, beating UTM (Mississauga) by a convincing score of 10-0 and setting the stage for their final victory against Skule.

A surprise souvenir gift sparked into life memories of the St. Michael's connection with the Mulock Cup. The gift is a splinter/piece of wood from a bench or goal post in Varsity Stadium. The piece of wood in itself is of little note [see photo], but the inscription etched on it makes it a valued contribution to the St. Michael's archives:

Nov. 28 - Mulock Cup Final -1939

St. Michael's - 13

Trinity - 6

Mr. Patrick Ronayne of Detroit, Michigan, son of the late John Ronayne 4T1 discovered the splinter in his father's effects and sent it to the UofT, where it reached the Faculty of Physical Education and Health; there, Ms. Jing-Ling Kao kindly forwarded it to St. Michael's. The "splendid splinter" marks the second time St. Michael's won the Cup; it first won it in 1930. In the early years of the Cup competition, St. Michael's was concentrating its football strength on its Senior and Junior teams in the Ontario Rugby Football Union league, and was able to field only

## Mulock Memories Splendid splinter arrives on time for SMC's return to glory

BY FR ROBERT MADDEN, CSB  
(WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO  
MRS. EVELYN COLLINS,  
ST. MICHAEL'S ARCHIVIST)

a light, barely competitive (but enthusiastic) team in the Mulock League. The '39 victory was followed by a drought of eight years, broken by the St. Mike's '48 victory over Vic before 6,000 fans in Varsity Stadium.

There followed another drought, this one of twenty-five years, before we captured the cup in '72. The season of '78, with Lex Byrd as coach, ably assisted for

part of the next two decades by Phil Giroday 7T7 and enthusiastically supported and cheered on by the late Fr. John Kelly, CSB 3T2, saw the emergence of St. Michael's as the dominant force in the Mulock Cup League. We came up empty in '79 and '80, but in '81-'84 and '90-'93 St. Michael's was the home of the Mulock Cup. The '93 final was the one hundredth, and last, Mulock Cup Football League championship game. Although St. Michael's was eager and able to continue, the UofT athletic administration ended intramural football competition for cost and risk management concerns.

What has happened to the Mulock Cup? Since 1994, as Duane Rendle informs us in his article in this issue, the Cup has been awarded annually to the champions of the Men's Intramural Rugby (Rugger) League. In 2005, we won that championship.

We are grateful to Mr. Patrick Ronayne for sending us this souvenir and for triggering many wonderful memories.

NOV 28 - MULOCK CUP FINAL - 1939  
ST. MICHAEL'S - 13  
TRINITY - 6

By JONATHAN BENGTON, CHIEF LIBRARIAN

## On The Cutting Edge of the

# Digital Age

When the Reverend Jean Mathieu Soulerin arrived in Toronto and founded St. Michael's College more than a century and a half ago, one of the first items of business was to form a library to support the work of the fledgling institution. From this early collection, which ranges from history and hermeneutics to horticulture and husbandry, has grown the largest library of the three federated universities and one of the largest collections in the University of Toronto, outside of Robarts. And just as Father Soulerin and his fellow Basilians were truly pioneers in their day, today's John M. Kelly Library is on the cutting edge of the 21st-century digital revolution in how libraries function.

Last year the library became the centre of an international effort to digitize its outstanding Cardinal Newman collection, to make the collection available to anyone in the world through the Internet. In partnership with the National Institute of Newman Studies in Pittsburgh and the Open Content Alliance, based in San Francisco, the library is using sophisticated technologies to scan the various collections of Newman's works in order to create a comprehensive virtual collection of every one of Newman's lectures, newspaper articles, sermons, variant editions, and other materials. The scanned text will be analyzed by sophisticated data-mining software to explore subtle changes in Newman's thought over time. When the project is completed, it will be the first time

Kelly Library  
isn't just a book  
repository or  
museum

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this technology has been used to capture the complete corpus of one of the world's key intellectual figures. The project will serve as a model for the future application of new digital scanning technologies as applied to library book collections.

The scanning centre in the Kelly Library is part of a much wider project being lead by the Open Content Alliance (OCA), with the major partners currently being the University of Toronto, the California Digital Library and the British Library. The goal of the OCA is to scan and provide full and open access to the world's written heritage. In addition to the Newman project, the Kelly Library has been collaborating with libraries throughout Canada in an OCA project to digitize thousands of volumes of Canadian history, literature and culture.

The Kelly Library's involvement as one of the most active participants in the Open Content Alliance puts it at the forefront of developments in the evolution of the modern library. Since the advent of the computer age, libraries have been more successful at providing access to their holdings than at any other time in human history. As a result, libraries are now not so much about books as they are about information. Books happen to be the most efficient and useable technology for the transmission of the written word. But their status is changing, and as the digital world evolves, so too do libraries.

For 500 years the printed book has been dominant, and for well over a millennium before the invention of moveable type, the manuscript endured. The transition from an oral to a written culture developed over many centuries. During this evolution our way of thinking changed from repetitive, oral memory-based knowledge to visual and spatial memory based on the physical object of the book. Within the past two decades a new process of change has begun, the impact of which will not be felt fully in our lifetimes. We need only reflect on the past few years to begin to understand how quickly and radically the ways that we write and communicate have altered.

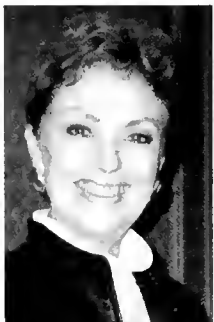
But while the printed book's place at the centre of learning is being challenged, it will undoubtedly survive in some form. This fact hardly

needs pointing out in Marshall McLuhan's former stomping ground. Therefore, an understanding of the uses and especially the limitations of digital technology is crucial, if such technology is to be exploited fully. University libraries are arguably the point where the impact of change – whether political, educational or organizational – is most acutely concentrated, and where information technology is the most potent agent of change.

Like St. Michael's as a whole, however, some things about the Kelly Library remain unchanged. In fact, the library's traditional



Chief Librarian, Jonathan Bengtson



## Book, *n.*, a mass-storage device

If it's the electronic age, why  
are we studying book history?

DOROTHY SPEIRS, COORDINATOR,  
BOOK AND MEDIA STUDIES

**W**hy do students of the electronic age want to study the book? Students from such diverse disciplines as criminology, anthropology, actuarial science, English literature and history, are children of an age of unpredictable change in the ways we communicate. What needs does it meet?

There are several answers to these questions.

Students tell us they "love books." Many of us can identify with that motivation. We enjoy handling books, turning the page to see what comes

next, becoming aware of the impact of physical aspects such as the quality of the paper, the choice of print, and even the smell of the pages. The experience can be even stronger when it is combined with the artistry and creativity of the handcrafted page. It is always a joy to watch students respond to their first look at one of the Pontifical Institute's illuminated manuscripts.

However, just loving books is not enough. What's much more important is the scholarly exploration of how books fit into the communication



strengths as the academic heart of the College have been enhanced in recent years. When he was Librarian of Congress, the historian Daniel Boorstin wrote that a healthy library is a symbol of a community's faith in itself. The Kelly Library, like all successful libraries, has never been merely a repository for books. Indeed, students from St. Michael's and across the University of Toronto use the Library not only to find the material for their courses, but to study, meet with friends, attend courses on bibliographic instruction taught by library staff, and use the Math Aid Centre and the very popular Writing Centre. Students also take advantage of the largest number of public computers on the east side of the St. George Campus in the new Roy and Ann Foss Information Commons and the Louis and Edmond Odette Learning Centre. A recent survey revealed that both commuter and resident students spend the vast majority of their time at Kelly, in comparison to anywhere else at the College. (No doubt recent improvements to the interior of the Library – including some very attractive new armchairs purchased from the proceeds of the annual library book sale by the Friends of the Kelly Library – have contributed to its increasing traffic and popularity.)

One of the College's greatest strengths is the emphasis on educating the whole person through a combination of academic rigour, instilling a sense of social responsibility, and creating a vibrant community. The Kelly Library plays a key role in this by drawing together diverse communities of faculty, students and alumni. It also actively supports the graduate theology programme and the College's undergraduate programmes. For example, in conjunction with the new and growing Book and Media Studies programme and the financial support of the Friends of the Kelly Library (through the newly established annual book sale), the St. Michael's Book Collecting Prize has been launched to encourage undergraduates throughout the University of Toronto to collect

process. Their goal is understanding the nature of the shift from the oral tradition to manuscripts and then to a universal print culture, and the impact of these changes on our worldview. Looking back at the then-unpredictable results of the work of Gutenberg and Caxton prepares students to cope with the still-unpredictable impact of the Internet. Better yet, it equips them to help shape the future of communications, not just be shaped by it.

Beyond the pursuit of the scholarly, the Book and Media

Studies program has an immediately practical side. Some of its graduates may continue their formal education; for example, they may pursue graduate degrees in the University of Toronto's program in Book History and Print Culture. Many others, we expect, will take the knowledge that they have gained into the marketplace and apply it to a wide range of jobs and disciplines, as publishers, editors, librarians, journalists and teachers.

In the end, context determines student interest and

and enjoy books. Other co-sponsors of the prize include the Sable Centre for 19th-century French Studies, the Thomas Fisher Rare Books Library, and Penguin Books Canada.

In partnership with the Christianity and Culture programme at St. Michael's, Regis College, L'Arche Daybreak (a Jean Vanier community), and the Henri Nouwen Societies of Canada, the United States and the Netherlands, the Kelly Library has taken the lead in what will be the largest conference that St. Michael's College has ever arranged. From May 18-20, 2006 the library will host an international gathering of over 250 students, scholars, and spiritual seekers who wish to explore the life and influence of Henri Nouwen, the Catholic priest and writer. The conference will mark the tenth anniversary of Nouwen's death and the fifth anniversary of the transferring of his archive to the Kelly Library from Yale University.

No one can really predict how the Internet will change our lives in the coming years. The philosophy of the Kelly Library staff is that it is necessary to engage creatively with this uncertainty, and in so doing help redefine services to students while defending those traditional library roles that technology cannot supplant. Debate will continue in many quarters about whether and for how long the printed book will survive as the central medium for the dissemination of knowledge, and what digital form will emerge to supersede our cultural bias towards print. The Kelly Library is at the forefront of these discussions, leading significant change, believing that participation in this process is essential. It is the only way we can build on our wisdom and knowledge to benefit most from the age of the Internet.

*For information on the Open Content Alliance, visit [www.open-contentalliance.org](http://www.open-contentalliance.org). To view materials digitized so far in the OCA's Canadian history, literature, and culture project, to which the Kelly Library has contributed, visit [www.archive.org/details/toronto](http://www.archive.org/details/toronto).*

learning. The Book and Media Studies Program helps equip students to engage both the enduring and transient aspects of the world of communication. There are many questions to answer. For example, is cultural memory at risk because we are storing so much of it in a potentially unstable electronic form? Could a simple horse-shoe magnet do more damage than the flames that destroyed the library at Alexandria? Could sunspots mean the sunset of knowledge? The students don't know the answer – but they are learning how to think

about it, and what it means for the future.

In 2002, St. Michael's College launched an undergraduate minor program in Book and Media Studies. Those who believed in the program knew that it would be valuable – but even they were surprised by how many undergraduates agreed. In three years, it has tripled in enrolment from about 30 to over 100 students.

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# A JOURNEY

After attending World Youth Day 2005, St. Michael's College Chaplaincy

## ALISTAIR VAZ

Nearly a million pilgrims flocked from all the corners of the world to our very own city of Toronto to mark the 17th World Youth Day Celebration under the patronage of Pope John Paul II in the summer of 2002. At the end of the week-long celebration, the historically rich City of Cologne, Germany, was announced as the next venue.

Two years later, a small group of students at the University of St. Michael's College came together in a bid to travel to Germany for this joyous event. WYD 2005 would mark the first major public event in the papacy of Benedict XVI. From 10 to 22 August 2005, seven of us made this pilgrimage to Cologne. Our travels took us through nine cities in the space of twelve days. We met people from all over the world, with many of whom we had no way of communicating outside of our common faith.

## DAVID LEE

In my first year of university in October 2003, I happened to meet our dearest chaplain, Marilyn Elphick, and discussed my role as a university student. During our talk, I told her that it would be an unforgettable experience if a group from St. Michael's College went to WYD 2005 in Germany. Marilyn loved the idea and with her help, our journey began.

## RASHED ABUODEH

We put in a great deal of hard work and time preparing for our pilgrimage to Germany. We put together and sold USMC's first community cookbook. With the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, we sold clothing and other hand-made items on behalf of the less fortunate in Latin and Central America. We organized pub nights, movie nights and trips to Casino Rama. We received generous donations from faculty, staff, students and alumni of St. Michael's College.

## STEPHANIE CHIU AND GISELL CASTILLO

Our accommodation for the week preceding WYD was in the Parish of Christkönig (Christ the King). Picture this: arriving at the church for the first time, we were greeted by the parishioners singing, standing on the front steps of the church. They were genuinely happy to have this little group of Canadians stay with them.

Our individual host families enriched our stay as they opened



PHOTO: COURTESY OF ALISTAIR VAZ

# OF FAITH

BY  
ALISTAIR VAZ,  
LITURGICAL  
MINISTER

Michael's students shared this experience of a lifetime at Commissioning Dinner on 4 December 2005.



L to R: David Lee, Stephanie Chiu, Tricia Patel, Alistair Vaz, Rashed Abuodeh OS World Youth Day pilgrims in Cologne. Missing from photo: Gisell Castillo, Pearl Vas.

their arms, hearts and homes to us as if we, too, were family. They chauffeured and chaperoned us, stayed up late waiting for us to return, kept us up to speed on the goings on, and prepared a sumptuous breakfast for us every morning.

We bonded in a way that touched our souls, in a way that meant we would always be in each other's hearts in unity, faith and celebration. After hearing an inspirational homily by the Bishop of Essen, we began not only to understand, but to live the theme of World Youth Day. Then we prepared to take our leave for Köln (Cologne).

## PEARL VAS AND TRICIA PATEL

When we got off our train, the first thing we saw was the Köln Cathedral, home to the relics of the Three Magi. August 16th marked the official beginning of WYD 2005, which we celebrated, by attending one of three simultaneous opening masses in three different cities. We were moved by the communion service - sharing the same Bread with so many different people. It was one thing that did not have to be translated for us.

During the rest of the week, we began our day by attending catechesis at the Bay Arena. Then it was the time we had been waiting for: seeing Pope Benedict XVI. We sat at the foot of the Dom waiting for the Pope for three hours and were fortunate enough to see him twice.

Approximately one million pilgrims came for WYD. One day, it was pouring rain and two of us got separated from the group. Exhausted, wet, hungry and overwhelmed by the crowds, we sought shelter in a bank lobby with about 50 pilgrims from Italy. We were moved beyond words when these pilgrims began praying the rosary. It reminded us that God is everywhere, and the power of our faith transcends political borders, language and cultural barriers.

Our two weeks in Germany were brought to a close with the final Mass. On August 20th, one and a half million young people camped out in Marienfeld for the overnight vigil with the Pope. Pope Benedict reminded us that as the Catholic youth of the world we really are the future of the Church. We were all given glow-in-the-dark stars in our pilgrim packages and the Pope asked us to hold them up against the night sky. It was a beautiful sight. Pope Benedict urged us to listen to God's call, leave behind our reservations and follow the star with an open mind, as the Magi did.

# Good Enough to be *The Best*

All five winners of the Meritus  
*Catholic Business Person of the Year Award*  
are St. Mike's people

BY MIMI MARROCCO 6T9, DIRECTOR, CONTINUING EDUCATION

It's dog-eat-dog in the business world. Everyone cheats. If you don't win, you lose. If you lose, you're a loser.

But wait a minute. Winners? Losers? When we were growing up we were told that what mattered was how you played the game. The operative word wasn't "win." The operative word was "good." Being "good" mattered.

For a group of Canadian Catholic business leaders who have formed a network called Meritus, such a cultural perspective is as old as the Church itself. Their organization takes its name and its operating principles from the Latin word to serve, to show kindness, to be just. If the Enron, WorldCom, and Martha Stewart scandals have shown us "successful people behaving badly," it is reassuring to learn that there exist individuals who could be singled out as successful people behaving very, very well.

In 2001, Meritus established the Catholic Business Person of the Year Award to demonstrate that indeed such individu-



**Frank Buckley**

President of W. K. Buckley Ltd.

als are very much in our midst and should be celebrated. To date five exceptional persons have been honored by Meritus, and all five have connections to St. Michael's: Frank Buckley 4T2, Bob Chisholm 6T8, and Kathleen O'Neill 7T5 are graduates; John Gennaro attended the College from 1954 to 1955; and Dr Andrew Simone received (along with his wife Joan) the degree Doctor of Sacred Letters, *honoris causa* from St. Michael's in 2000.

Meritus winners have demonstrated that, notwithstanding the old adage that "good guys finish last," virtue sometimes is rewarded. Asked about "goodness" – where it is learned and how it is practiced – their responses were remarkably similar: "values are embedded at home and in school"; "at my parents' knee"; "from the nuns in parochial school and later from the priests at St. Mike's."

Goodness. Discipline. Knowledge. Frank Buckley remembers the influence of the Basilian Fathers both in high school and later in university as "central to my life."



## Bob Chisholm

Chairman and President of  
Domestic Banking at Scotiabank

"As a day student, enrolled in Commerce and Finance, I took classes at the old music building across campus. I only rarely got to St. Mike's – but the influence of the Basilians in general and Father Sullivan in particular was an important part of my undergraduate life. Going to mass was important. The friendliness of the Basilians is something I always remember."

That friendliness must have been contagious. Frank's leadership style as president of the company founded by his father, William Knapp Buckley, (the company that makes the famous "awful"-tasting cough syrup), can best be described as co-operative and collaborative.

"I liked to listen to people," he said. "If people are treated fairly, things work out well. The leader sets the tone in the company."

Bob Chisholm would agree on the importance of listening. "I'm not a control-and-command kind of guy," he said.

"I was always collectively looking for

solutions. Banking is complex. One person can't possibly have all the answers. I needed to be coached by the people who worked for me. I trusted them. I think they trusted me."

Bob is Scotiabank's Vice-Chairman, Domestic Banking, responsible for the bank's Canadian retail and commercial banking operations. When asked about his success, he replied, somewhat sheepishly, that "over the years I figured I must have a guardian angel, because I was usually in the right place at the right time."

At St. Michael's, he recalled fondly, "I had Father Belyea and Father Bob Madden and Father John Madden teaching me religion and English and reminding me to shape up."

On the encouragement of his future wife, Andrea, Bob took advantage of on-campus interview opportunities with some of the big accounting firms. "My marks were not my greatest asset. But I was fortunate. When I said I was pretty good with numbers, Price Waterhouse let me take an aptitude test right on the spot. I must have done pretty well because they offered me a job – marks and all."

It is probably safe to say that "exaggerating" his marks to get a job simply would not have occurred to Bob.

The words "fortunate" and "blessed" recurred frequently in conversation with these distinguished Catholic businesspersons. Kathleen O'Neill, formerly Executive Vice-President with BMO Financial, and a partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers, sits on the Boards of several not-for-profits and companies. She contributes her experience and leadership skills to organizations driven by values extending beyond shareholder value to include respect, trust, and integrity.

"I'm proud that I have been able – with reasonable success – to combine career and family," she said. "My husband and I have four children. My family has always been the focus of my life – it comes first – but I have tried to balance my professional life and my family life and I have been lucky to have mentors who believed in me and who helped make possible that balancing act

because they too appreciated the importance of family commitments."

In his new book, aptly titled *Magnificence at Work*, John Dalla Costa reports through interviews with some 20 CEO's a shared belief that public confidence and organizational credibility hinge on personal integrity. By its etymology, as Dalla Costa points out, integrity connotes "wholeness." "From the root 'integer,' a full and functioning unit, 'integrity' means the bringing together of the whole person: mind, body and soul."

Once again: goodness, discipline, knowledge. The integration of values, hard work, intelligence and education enables the formation of those who can succeed by transcending the limitations of a "dog-eat-dog" culture.

Perhaps the capitalized word "Magnificence" could be another name for God. It is God at work when we succeed and are the instruments of God's hands. And certainly faith has been a key factor in the integrity exemplified by the Meritus award winners.



## Kathleen O'Neill

Formerly Executive  
Vice-President of BMO



**John Gennaro**

President and Director,  
Gennaro Investments Ltd.



**Dr. Andrew Simone**

Physician, Co-founder,  
Canadian Food for Children

Dr Andrew Simone MD and his wife Joan have 13 children. Involvement in their parish prayer group led the Simones to greater service to the poor. Working at first with the Missionaries of Charity, on Mother Teresa's suggestion they branched out. Eventually they founded Canadian Food for Children, a charity which now sends food and other supplies to 22 developing countries.

John Gennaro, a grocery wholesaler who volunteers his time to many community causes, considers himself "lucky," but believes his good fortune has a divine source.

"I made a promise to the Lord to get involved in a lot of social work," he said. "I never said no when someone asked me

to serve. And my business never suffered – it always did well."

In accepting her Meritus award, Kathleen O'Neill referred to the Prayer of St. Francis as being the one that "says it all."

"We all have talents, all given to us by God", she said. "We all use the talents that God gave us to the best of our ability. Some can do one thing, some another. I'm very good with numbers, so I try to use that gift to be the best I can be in business – in accounting, on boards of companies, in leadership roles."

As Christians, we have known for over 2,000 years that one good person can make a difference. St. Michael's has for over 150 years helped to form good people. Meritus has honored five of the best.

## Ethical Values and the Bottom Line

Trevor Cole, in the University of Toronto Magazine (Winter, 2005) carefully examined the reasons "why good people do bad things" and concluded that cultural conditioning or what David Callahan calls "The Cheating Culture" (2004) is at least partly to blame. Callahan compares business executives to competitive athletes whose quest for gold tempts many to use performance-enhancing drugs despite the potential damage to their own bodies and the devastating consequences of getting caught. The more widespread the practice, the harder it is for the "clean" athlete to compete. Cole agrees. "Executives," he writes, "are expected to deliver ever higher returns for shareholders. They're dragged forward by the carrot of bonuses and pushed by the demands of investors until they wind up headed into a moral tunnel that leaves them very little room to manoeuvre." It's what Herbert Spencer called "the survival of the fittest." Aggression and ruthlessness become accepted norms of behaviour that in turn lead to ethical lapses, emotional and even physical abuse.

"The sordid circumstances surrounding the collapse of corporate giants, Enron and WorldCom, has ignited renewed debate on the state of business practices in America," writes Kerry Gordon in "On Survival of the Fittest and Other Corporate Myths" (*World Futures: The Journal of General Evolution*). "Pundits continue to argue that the moral of the story is the need to return to traditional values." But in Corporate America, "running with an eye to the bottom line and gaining the competitive edge at any cost are the traditional values. Ethical values like honesty and integrity are all well and good so long as they don't eat into the bottom line." Gordon's thesis is that while business (he is talking primarily about American business, but it may be argued that business in Canada is much the same) "is indeed in trouble," that trouble stems from what is inherently a cultural problem. "What is needed is not tougher laws or a return to some mythic traditional values but the generation of a new cultural perspective in which competition is reinterpreted such that core values including honesty and integrity are not seen as peripheral but rather as integral to success."

# From Canadian to Global Citizenship in Tanzania

HIV/AIDS and poverty are not a case of us versus them, but of all of us together

BY TERESA-ANNE MARTIN OT5

FOUR MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING from St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, I landed in Tanzania, courtesy of Youth Challenge International (YCI). I was armed with two things: a load of student debt and a passion for international development.

Following my graduation I had decided to take my education outside the classroom and into those regions of the world where I could learn first hand how to initiate change. I became part of a four-person, three-month volunteer mission to Tanzania with YCI, a non-profit organization that aims to connect young Canadians with local youth from developing countries.

The benefits are impressive; team dynamics, cross-cultural understanding, youth energy and the spirit of voluntarism combine to create a powerful force for change. Leaving Canada, I tried my best not to place too many expectations on what lay before me. Looking back on it seven weeks later, I am still astounded by what I learned and continue to learn from this experience.

The openness and generosity of its people is what struck me first when I arrived in Tanzania. This is a country where, despite



A picture of me, with a baby at an orphanage we visited on our day off. The orphanage was located in the town we lived in.

many hardships, people welcome you into their lives without reservation; a hungry man will offer to share his meal with you. Even in the midst of soaring unemployment rates and rising levels of poverty, people still celebrate life.

YCI partnered with Faraja Trust Fund, a local non-governmental organization in Morogoro, dedicated to alleviating suffering among the poor. When we arrived in Morogoro, we were not armed with many economic resources, but pooling our individual talents with the dedication of Faraja volunteers, we set out to complete eight different projects.

We successfully completed several projects: working with the local peer educators on improving their methods of communication; collecting stories from People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to create a book for educational purposes; instituting health lessons at the Faraja school to provide children as young as twelve with life saving information on HIV/AIDS; and facilitating an income generating workshop for PLWHAs. In the end, our success in Tanzania came not only from completing our set project goals, but also from many intangible, immeasurable achievements.

The broad global perspective I retain from this trip is one of those intangible achievements. After seeing the situation up close and understanding the problems we face, it has become much more personal. HIV/AIDS and poverty are not a case of us versus them, but of all of us together. It is impossible to meet, know and love people who are trapped by these circumstances and not feel compelled to be part of the solution. Our shared humanity demands that we play our part in this global fight.

I will remember Tanzania as the time when I stopped being just a Canadian and effectively became an engaged global citizen.



# Publish to Flourish, Write to Set Right

Commit yourself to  
“the spooky art” of writing.  
People of the future will thank you

BY FR MICHAEL FAHEY, SJ

ON NOVEMBER 5, 2005, USMC CONFERRED an honorary doctorate on Father Michael A. Fahey, SJ. The following column is taken from his address to convocation. —Ed.

Norman Mailer calls writing “The Spooky Art.” It serves the future in ways we can barely guess. You have already studied writing from one to four thousand years old to give meaning to the present.

Thus, I invite you to acquiesce to the vocation of writing, to pledge yourself to write, and to open yourself to the possibility of writing in any form, fictional, academic or poetic. Remember the adage of the ancient Romans: *verba volant, scripta manet*, “spoken words fly away, but what has been written endures.”

Yes, writing is spooky. Its origins are mysterious; its beginnings have been seen, by pagans and believers alike, as something numinous, elusive, otherworldly, dare we say even divine. Writing mimics, in mini format, divine creation. Hence, we invoke a daughter of Zeus, one of the nine Muses, *andra moi ennepe, Mousa*, “Yes sing to me, O Muse,” to help us transport words from unconsciousness onto paper or terminal screen.

What shall you write? Most volumes on the art of writing envisage fiction. For you, the task will be mostly creative non-fiction,

although it is not unknown that a theology student will pen a Booker prize-winning novel to probe themes of providence, prayer, and ecological harmony – I am thinking of Concordia University’s erstwhile theology student, Yann Martel’s, *The Life of Pi* (2002).

Designating your theological writings as creative may sound problematic, but the term does not mean something independent of the gift of Tradition. Choose your writing genre; perhaps move from one genre to another from time to time.

You may write specialized historical theology, such as the ministry of the Beguines in the 15th-century Low Countries and what this teaches the Church faithful today. Some may do popular writing for the non-specialist, *haute vulgarisation*, “the meaning of sacrifice or distributive justice” and what these beliefs mean for daily living.

Others may provide the written, and



Fr. Michael A. Fahey, SJ.

possibly memorized, homily designed to render the congregation attentive, benevolent, and docile – for the kingdom of heaven. And there are some of you who may create a dialogue between an art and creedal affirmation; for example, how a film by Pedro Almodóvar sheds light on God’s dealings with humans. Choose your audience; no format is unworthy; no written text is squandered provided it clearly expresses truth and beauty.

Forget publish or perish. Publish to flourish! Write to set right what God has spoken to us in the Word.

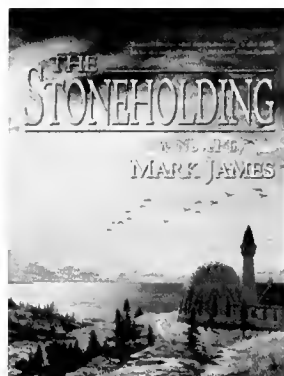
Your virtual classroom will extend far beyond Ontario or Quebec or the western provinces. Your highest functional specialty will be, as Bernard Lonergan, contended, “communication.” He communicated not simply to students at the Gregorian University or at the old and new Regis College, but to us, you and me, through his written texts now precious preserved in his archives around the corner on St. Mary St., and being published by the University of Toronto Press.

Truly, the pen (or computer keyboard) is mightier, and longer lasting, than the sword.





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**TO** my mind, independent publication generally indicates work of inferior quality. Thus, I agreed to read this novel with some trepidation. Two months later, when I had a few minutes each evening for some light reading, I picked up *The Stoneholding*, and the few minutes of leisure gradually expanded into hours stolen from sleep. The plot and the intricate descriptions of an enchanting landscape drew me into the charms of this excellent first novel by Mark Sebanc 7T6 and James G. Anderson, who collaboratively write under the penname Mark James. Those who appreciate plot-driven works of fantasy and who subscribe to J.R.R. Tolkien's theories of storytelling in his essay "On Fairy-Stories", will find here a treasure of greater sub-

## REVIEW

# The Stoneholding

This first-novel fantasy bodes well for its sequels

stance and better quality than most offerings in fantasy today.

The story opens with the death of King Colurian, the King of the realm of Arvon, whose infant son and heir is subsequently kidnapped and disappears. The rest of the novel concentrates on the struggle of the highland holding of Lammermorn. Here we follow the adventures of young Kalaquinn Wright as he and his friend Galligaskin Clout discover that crack troops of the despotic Ferabek have infiltrated the holding through its only point of entry, a usually well-guarded, high river pass. A quick-paced chase ensues through woods, towns, tunnels and castle, as Kalaquinn and Galligaskin accompany Wilum, the Hordanu (head bard), to a safe meeting point for the remnant of the holding's people, and to a hiding place for the Talamadh, a magical harp. Here they make their last stand before their betrayers, and the hosts of enemies who have laid waste to Lammermorn. It becomes clear to Kal and Galli that they must find a way out of the holding and search for the missing heir to the throne, if they have any hope of overcoming the destructive forces laying waste to their land and their way of life.

Such a brief description does a disservice to the larger concerns of the novel, such as the role of art as a creative force,

and the intimate connection between human life and the natural world. Nature itself becomes something of a character in the novel, through the rich and lavish descriptions of mountains, forests, fields, and the wildlife within them. Descriptions of religious festivals and mystical rites draw the reader further into the plot, hinting at the resolution of a trilogy – *The Hidden Kingdom* and *The Ocean Isles* are forthcoming. The first novel certainly left

this reader wanting more, boding well for the rest of the trilogy.

*The Stoneholding* has a few minor imperfections. At times the descriptions are too expansive and threaten to impede the progress of the plot. The lushness of these depictions also belies the overall sense, given in the dialogue, of a cultural decline and decay mirrored in the natural

world. At an important crisis in the plot, an all-too-convenient *deus ex machina* resolution appears. But then, this is fantasy, and the notion of eucatastrophe, or the sudden turn from despair and defeat to victory, forms an important element of the genre – at least according to Tolkien. Nonetheless, *The Stoneholding* and its engaging fantasy landscape provide the enjoyment and delight which Tolkien so earnestly wished to inspire in readers of his own works, and which he expected from others writing in the same genre. I heartily recommend it.



Fr. Guy Trudel CSB

# Thomas D'Arcy McGee

Catholicism and St. Michael's College

BY DAVID WILSON, PROFESSOR IN THE CELTIC STUDIES PROGRAM

IN MAY 1858, THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE, the former Irish revolutionary and future Canadian Father of Confederation, visited St. Michael's College, received a complimentary address from its students, and replied by praising their contribution to the cause of Catholicism. McGee has been known to historians as many things – one of the finest orators of his generation, the “greatest poet” of mid-nineteenth-century Ireland, a leading Irish-American journalist, the youngest and most intellectually gifted Father of Confederation, and the only prominent federal politician in Canadian history to be assassinated. But there is one thing that his earliest biographers (most of whom were Protestant) and many subsequent scholars have missed – the central importance of Catholicism in the development of his intellectual life.

“I am, thank God, a Catholic,” he wrote in 1847, at the age of twenty-two; “I believe in my own religion — I learned it from a mother's knee — I was taught it by a father's example.” His first non-fiction book celebrated Daniel O'Connell's campaign for Catholic Emancipation in 1829, and his earliest writings as a young Irish-American journalist in 1844 defended the Catholic faith against its American Protestant detractors, and maintained that Catholic authority, discipline and morality provided a necessary counterbalance to the anarchistic tendencies of a Protestant democracy.

The central question facing McGee in his early years concerned the relationship

between Catholicism and Irish nationalism. “If it came to a conflict between Religion and Patriotism, which would you sacrifice to the other?” McGee once asked a fellow Irish Catholic; the search for an answer produced what he called the “hardest internal battle” of his life. During the Great Famine, when McGee moved back to Ireland and became a liberal revolutionary, he drew a sharp line between the spiritual

and temporal teachings of Catholicism; the Church controlled questions of faith and morality, he argued, while matters such as education and politics were matters of private judgment.

But McGee found this position increasingly difficult to sustain after he returned to the United States as a political exile in 1848. He came under immense pressure from prominent American Catholics, who insisted that religious morality could not be separated from private affairs, education and politics, and who described him as that worst of all Catholics, a “Protestant Catholic”. At the same time, the resurgence of anti-Catholicism in Britain, together with



David Wilson

an increasingly virulent form of nativism in the United States, forced him to reevaluate his position. The conversion to ultramontane Catholicism came in 1851:

*When after three years spent among the husks of the Radical swine, I had the happiness to renew my allegiance to the Faith of my Fathers; I neither thought of the world or its politics. When I saw the beautiful but terrible brow of our august Mother and Mistress unbend, and heard accents sweeter than an Angel's, coming from lips that I knew had power to bid the lightnings strike wheresoever her finger pointed, I felt my childhood*

*come back upon me .... I think the charity of every true Catholic, whether so born, or by conversion, will enable him to feel what I felt then.*

Henceforth, he became one of the most overtly Catholic Celts in the United States. There was only One True Faith, he argued; Protestants were heretics, and America was a prime example of what happened when the heretics ruled – a place where family values had fallen apart, where there was divorce and dancing and women's rights, where there was rampant materialism, random violence and restless individualism.

But Canada looked so much better – a country with a strong Catholic presence,

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with order and stability, with a higher quality of life, and with Catholic educational institutions. He had two daughters, and did not want to bring them up in the Sodom and Gomorra of the United States. "Disappointed in America of that religious freedom and equal justice which was the hope of so many emigrants, I have all but resolved, to make my future home and that of my children, in Canada," he informed Bishop Charbonnel in 1856. "My hope is to bring up my children unstained and unwarped by false systems of education, or miseducation, and as I cannot isolate them thoroughly in this state of society, I am most anxious to take them, with that view, to Canada."

Not only Catholic schools attracted McGee to Canada; the existence of Catholic colleges was equally important. He had long supported a Catholic university in Ireland, and was delighted to find one in English-speaking Canada; such institutions, he believed, were essential means of sustaining and promoting conservative Catholic values in an age of moral relativism.

And so, it was entirely appropriate that McGee left the United States in 1857, and that he came to speak at St. Michael's College the following year. After all, had it not been for institutions like St. Michael's College, he would never have settled in Canada in the first place.

*David Wilson is currently writing a biography of Thomas D'Arcy McGee.*

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# Midway on the Journey

Continuing Education paves life's road with learning

BY BRUCE MEYER, CONTINUING EDUCATION TEACHER

IT IS EARLY ON A THURSDAY EVENING AND the book we are covering in our St. Michael's College Continuing Education class is Dante's *Inferno*. We discuss why Dante would want to undertake such a work – to praise God, to set his own life in order, to find context and meaning in a strange world. I read aloud the opening words: “Midway on my life's journey.” I ask, “Where do you think he is going with all this?”

The interior designer answers “heaven.” She's read ahead. The financial manager throws in, “to God.” He respects authority. But there is an older man in the front row who sits each evening with his eyes closed listening intently. He often nods in agreement to what I say or opens his eyes when he discovers something new, and I love that because learning is, literally, about opening people's eyes. He offers his opinion: “Isn't he just trying to get home?” and that is the answer that sets us going for the night.

What I love about *The Divine Comedy* is that Dante is a student of the world. It's a

complex place, even at the beginning of the fourteenth century. It is a place, Dante argues, where an individual must seek his context in the great scheme of things, not only by knowing, but by finding out what he does not know, and searching for it. Life is a journey, and the road is paved with learning.

I learn a great deal from my students, perhaps more than they know. I learn how much one can love, not only literature, but also the potential for continued learning – the way home, midway on my journey. When I graduated from the UofT, and later as a post-doctoral fellow from McMaster, I felt that something was missing, though I did not know what. I felt hungry.

Then, one night in Austin, Texas, a novelist friend asked me what I was reading as I globetrotted on my post-doctoral research. I told him that I was researching. He pointed out that learning shouldn't stop simply because one earned a degree. The best learning was done almost clandestinely: in airport boarding lounges, on trains, sub-

ways, and in those spare moments when most people sit around wondering what they should do. That's how my interest in the Great Books began. That's where I met Dante for the first time. We bumped into each other on the road, midway on my life's journey.

My students at St. Michael's are on that road, too, and tell me that they love learning. Most nights, I can't get them to leave. The two hour class spills over into a third hour in which they tell me about their travels and adventures not only in the world of ideas but in places I dream of visiting myself someday. They tell me that the moment they stop learning is the moment that life's journey ends. Every night, after the janitor turns off the lights and I walk home along St. Joseph street, I marvel at the places we have visited. I think of the people we have met. And I sense the vast horizons that seem to spread out before us because we open our eyes for an instant and see just how far we can travel on an idea.

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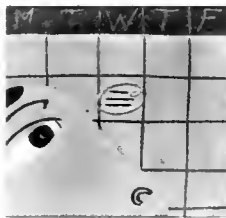
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# BULLETIN BOARD



The "Bulletin Board" publishes pertinent information received about developments in the lives of St. Michael's alumni. Thank you for the contributions you have made. Please keep the "newsbits" coming.

BY FATHER ROBERT MADDEN, CSB 5T2

**Michael Allemano 0T4** is working for Cintas Canada Ltd. in their two-year Management Trainee Program and lives in Burlington with his parents, **Gregory 7T4** and **Sandra (Lanzalone) 7T4**. His brother David is in his third year at St. Michael's College.

**Monika Berenyi 0T0** has recently published a collection of original poetry and verse, *Wild Blue Karparty*. Deemed an *Objet d'Art* in its construction, the work has been placed in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library in UofT's Robarts Library.

**Bruce Boulanger 8T9** is living in Dijon, France, responsible for Global Sales Force Effectiveness for Fournier Pharmaceuticals. He resides in Dijon with his wife Heather Beaumont, son Riel (b. 2000) and daughter Lily (b. 2003).

**RoseMarie (Rosie) Sbrolla Braden 8T5**, her husband Michael, and their four sons continue to live in Ottawa. Rosie is with the Legal Services of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans; Mike is teaching Grade 5-6 gifted students. The "Braden Boys": Max, 15, Grade 10; Jake, almost 12, Grade 7; Teddy, 9, Grade 5; Michael, 8, Grade 3. Rosie's father Don and her mother **Catherine Pillo Sbrolla 5T7**, recently retired from teaching elementary school with the Metropolitan Catholic School Board, live in Toronto.

**A bit of Broadhust news: Bill 5T1 and Arden 5T4** are living in Toronto.

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In his retirement as Chairman/Senior Partner, Price Waterhouse then as Chancellor for Temporal Affairs, Archdiocese of Toronto, Bill is the Treasurer of the Pontifical Institute's Foundation of Mediaeval Studies. He and Arden have three sons-in-law and three daughters-in-law and are proud grandparents fifteen times over! RE: their "SMC grad children": **Tom 7T7** is the Coordinator of Information and Statistics for the General Council Office of the United Church, and for 20 years has been teacher/coordinator of the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program at Holy Name Parish, Toronto; Tom's wife

**Ellen Kaas 7T8** has her own accounting firm, dealing primarily with non-profit charitable organizations; they have four children ranging in age from 15-23; oldest son Joseph graduated from SMC/UofT in June '05. **David 8T2** is a meteorologist with Environment Canada in Toronto; **Karen 8T5**, her husband James Wanstall, and their three children live in Toronto. **Laurence 9T2** recently accepted a position as Lecturer in Religious Studies at St. John's College, University of Manitoba, he and his wife Susan have three children, the youngest, a son, was born 10 Nov. '05.

**Barry Brodie 7T0** appeared in *Tell It As It Is*, a theatrical presentation by The Earth-Stage Actors of the spontaneous poetry and prose of poet-philosopher Kenneth G. Mills. The work was staged on 3 and 4 December at the Robert Gill Theatre, UofT's Koffler Centre.

**Darroll 7T6 PhD Theol and Susan Hodges Bryant 7T1** spent two months last fall in Turkey and India, where Darroll was doing research. Susan is a Lecturer in English and Darroll is Professor of Religious Studies at Renison College, Waterloo University in Waterloo, ON. They live in Elmira, ON. Son **Ben 9T1**, his wife Monica and their son Ethan, 2, live in Washington, DC, where Ben has his own computer programming business. Other children: Jessica is married and lives in NYC and plans to get a teaching degree; Lucas is an actor living in LA and has a leading role in an upcoming CTV movie; Emma plans to do organic farming on her property on Vancouver Island. Susan, along with teaching, is very much involved in local environmental activities.

**Fred 7T5 and Anne Ryan Butzen 7T4** continue to live in Chicago, IL. Fred is Director of Technical Communications for Vail Systems Inc. Two of their sons are in the US military: Ivan is an Army Sargent, serving in Iraq; George, a Marine, completed a tour of duty in Iraq and is now stationed in California. Daughter Marion is married, living in Salt Lake City and recently gave birth to a son, Daniel. Younger daughter Catherine, a senior in high school, and son Richard, Grade 2, keep an eye on Fred and Anne at home!

**Ross Cappellacci MDiv 8T6** is in his sixth year as Chaplain at Cardinal McGuigan Catholic High School in

Downsview, ON. Ross and his wife Theodora are parents of Benedict, 16, and Christian, 14.

**Alexandra Carmichael 9T8 and Danny Reda 9T8** welcomed their second child, Megan Carmichael Reda on 12 February 2006 at 11:05 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. A sister for Samantha. Alexandra, Danny, Samantha, and now Megan, live in the Silcone Valley area in California.

**Anne Carson 7T4**, Professor of Classics and Comparative Literature at the University of Michigan, has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada in recognition of her significant contribution to Canadian Literature, teaching, and literary scholarship. Following her BA, Anne continued her studies in Classics at St. Andrew's University, Scotland, and received MA and PhD degrees from UofT. Described as poet, essayist, literary critic, novelist, philologist, lecturer, translator, and librettist, Anne has received several awards and fellowships, including the prestigious Griffin Prize for Poetry (2001).

**Joe Chiappetta 5T2** has retired from his former law firm, but remains active in real estate with Remax Premier. He recently visited the College, introducing his grandson, in Grade 12, to the campus. Joe and his wife, Florence, have four daughters: Cathy in Mississauga, ON; Marie in Sydney, Australia; Lorraine in Florida;

and Frances in Hamburg, Germany, currently performing in the musical **Mama Mia**. Joe and Florence also have four grandchildren.

**Dermot Clancy 7T7** has notified St. Michael's that he is now residing in Ireland.

**Diane Clarkson 8T9** reports that "fifteen years after graduation she continues to work and travel around the world." Diane lives in New York City, working as the Travel Industry Analyst for JupiterResearch.

**Marie Comiskey 9T3 and her husband Jeff Meyer (Meds 9T3)** adopted their first child, Emily Comiskey Meyer, from China in November '03. Marie, having completed a parental leave, returned to her position as a Prosecutor for the Federal Department of Justice in Toronto. Jeff, a former St. Michael's student, resident and don ('87-'93), is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UofT and Head of Neurochemical Imaging at the positron emission tomography centre at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Earlier, Marie and Jeff spent a year in England, where Marie, as recipient of the Harold G. Fox Scholarship, completed a Barrister's pupillage at the Middle Temple, and Jeff was a Research Fellow in brain imaging techniques at London's Hammersmith Hospital.

**Joseph 9T8** (JD UofT Faculty of Law '01) and **Rita Ritacca-Cosentino 0T1** (LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School '04) were married in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Woodbridge, ON 14 Aug '04. Joseph proposed to Rita in Brennan Lounge! They work in Toronto. Rita is In-House Counsel, Patent Portfolio at Genex Biotechnology Corp.; Joseph is an associate with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt. They live in Woodbridge.

**DiTomo News: Hon. Justice Guy 7T2** has completed two years as a Justice on the Superior Court of Ont, he and his wife, Mary Grace (PHE '73, former Loretto resident) continue to reside in Midland, ON. **Katie 0T0** is a lawyer with CasselsBrock, Toronto, **Michael 0T3** is teaching English and History at Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School in Etobicoke, ON; **Gregory** is in his final year of undergraduate studies at St. Michael's/UofT.

**John Q. Farina 7T5** accepted the position of President of Vancouver-

based Teligence, a North American-wide provider of voice-enabled services for social networking and entertainment. John formerly held General Manager, Corporate Development, and Financial Executive positions, including VP-Mergers and Acquisitions with Celestia, Inc. He also had senior financial management responsibilities with IBM Corporation in Canada and USA. John, his wife Kathy, and their three children, Shawn, Megan, and Jillian have relocated from Markham, ON to Vancouver.

**Melissa Gibson 9T4** and Gary Wheeler were married 17 July '04 in St. Mary's Church, Chilliwack, BC. Guests in attendance included SMCers **Jean-Paul Arbour 9T4**, **Elizabeth Jordan 9T3**, **Tim Bishop 9T3**, **Mika Nonoyama 9T4**, **Paula Jones 9T4**, and former fellow Loretto resident Monique Zamin Agostenelli (Pharm '93, Pharm D '00) and her husband, **Gregory Agonstinelli (CompEng '94)**. Melissa and Gary now live in Toronto, where Melissa continues as Legal Counsel for the Ontario Ministries of Citizenship and Immigration, Culture and Tourism. Gary is a Media Relations and Issues Management Coordinator for Tourism and Culture.

**Frederico Gonzalez 9T4**, his singer/actress wife Sianna Lyons, and their two daughters, Kiera Isabel, 3, and Sofia Rose, 1, recently moved from New York City to Los Angeles, where Frederico is producer-editor at SiTV Network, an English-language network aimed at third- and fourth-generation Hispanics who do not speak much Spanish, but who wish to retain a connection to their heritage. He reports, "It's hip, edgy, and fun, with a lot of original programming, including a 'reality-mentary' show called 'Urban Jungle' which had a real social message."

**Joseph Heininger 7T4** writes, "I have begun a new job teaching at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. I am teaching writing and literature classes."

**Bernard Hodgson 6T7** is Professor of Philosophy at Trent University, Peterborough, ON. Bernard has accepted an invitation to be a Keynote Speaker at the International Conference on Ethical Aspects of Management in Theory and Practice at the Free University of Berlin in May '06. He will speak on "Antinomies of Freedom with the Market Order."

Bernard, his wife **Christina Grabowski 6T9**, and their three children, Nicholas, Clare, and Matthew live in Peterborough.

**James Hogan 9T1** and his wife Raylene welcomed their second child, Clare Genevieve, 12 September '04, a sister for Bennett. In Sept. '05 James began a one-year secondment to the Canadian Police College, Ottawa, as Police Research Scholar, undertaking a national study of police middle management development.

**Kevin Janus 9T6, UofT Faculty of Law '99, LL.M. NYU '01**, lives in New York City. Admitted to the Ontario Bar and the New York State Bar, he clerked for a U.S. Federal Judge and then joined a New York law firm. Since graduating from SMC, Kevin has produced and performed in events ranging from musical theatre to film exhibitions, classical/jazz music to comedy. He founded, produces and performs in a Canadian-theme comedy show entitled *The Comedy Igloo*, currently showing at UNDER St. Marks in the East Village of NYC. In early December '05 Kevin was interviewed about the show on CBC's program "Freestyle." [For details about his show: [www.comedyigloo.com](http://www.comedyigloo.com)].

**Fr. John Kaserow 7T7 PhD Theol.**, of the Maryknoll Fathers, has been teaching at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL for the past seventeen years, he is currently Professor of Mission Studies.

**Elizabeth de Gostonyi Kriegler 6T1**, residing in Toronto, hosted several St. Michael folk from Canada and the U.S.A. The group gathers "fairly" regularly at Canadian Thanksgiving time. Among those enjoying each other's company and reminiscing, were SMCers **Brian 5T9** and **Mary Catherine Collins Bardorf 6T1**; **Jim Doris 5T9** and **Wendy Somerville**; **Tom 5T9** and **Edie Smith Embler 6T1**; **Fr. Bob Madden, CSB 5T2** (a happy intruder); **Gino 5T9** and **Marguerite Matteo**; **Dick 6T0** and **Maryann Leo Napoli**; **Amile Strathy 6T1**; **Bill 5T9** and **Lynne Young**.

**Martin 9T5** and **Helen Barks Kuhn 9T5**, and their two daughters, Maeva, 7, and Isabella, 2, live in Midhurst, ON. Helen owns and administers a Montessori Preschool, and Martin is a Tobacco Enforcement Officer with the Ministry of Health.

**Michael 9T7** and **Georgina Macedo Lamey 9T7** (sister of **Rosemary 9T1** and **Nancy 9T5**) live in Toronto, where Georgina does proof-reading and reviewing for a group of publishers, and Michael is a consultant. They have one daughter, Madeleine, 1, - who is expecting a sibling in April '06.

**Dr. Clare Loughlin-Chow 9T1** has left Oxford after a fourteen-year association with the University (as graduate student and tutor). She is now Director of the Florida State University's London Study Centre, based, Clare reports, "in the heart of Bloomsbury, a minute's stroll from the British Museum." In addition to her administration role, she also teaches Victorian Literature in the FSU program. Clare and her husband Mark live in Richmond, Surrey.

**Nathan Lovejoy 9T1**, formerly Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology at the University of Manitoba, has accepted an academic appointment at the UofT.

**Francesca Maietta 9T0** has been married for eleven years and has two daughters, ages 7 and 4. A teacher for over ten years, Francesca is currently teaching high school with York Region District School Board as a Guidance Counselor and Career Education Teacher.

**Nancy Macedo Maletin 9T5** (sister of **Rosemary 9T1** and **Georgina 9T7**) and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Ian Leonel, 10 November '05. Nancy and Michael have a sign-making shop and an E-bay business. Nancy also does freelance web designing.

**Philip Marchand 6T9**, Toronto resident and Books Columnist for *The Toronto Star Newspapers*, recently published *Ghost Empire: How the French Almost Conquered North America*. Published by McClelland & Stewart Ltd. the book has received positive reactions, e.g. "History, travelogue and memoir combine in this illuminating journey in the footsteps of the great explorer La Salle." Philip has also published *Marshall McLuhan: the Medium and the Messenger*; *Just Looking*; *Thank You*; *Deadly Spirits*; and *Ripostes: Reflections on Canadian Literature*.

**Frank Marrocco 6T7** has been appointed Justice of the Ontario



Superior Court of Justice. A former partner with the firm of Gowling Lafleur Henderson, he has served as Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Advocates Society and of the Criminal Lawyers Association, and has served on a number of Law Society of Upper Canada Committees. Frank and his wife **Mimi (Bucek) 6T9** live in Toronto, have three children, Angela, Emily, and Ted, and are proud grandparents of Matthew (See picture right).

**Albert Mastromartino 8T3** received his MBA degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, London, ON in October '05.

**Anne Doyle McClure 6T8** reports from their home in San Diego that she and her husband Dave, along with their regular employment duties, "have morphed into amateur wedding planners." Son Marc married this past August, daughter Shannon will be married in April '06, and daughter Kari will be married in July '06. Anne and Dave are volunteers in the marriage ministry Retrouvaille; Anne also volunteers in the Tomorrow Project, a program for homeless women.

**Maureen McCue 6T9**, using dance with an original music composition based on medieval Arabic music from Seville, has made a new film visualizing the poetry of Cervantes, Machado, and Lorca which she hopes to show in the arts section of film festivals. Maureen also announced a decision to leave her present London work, rent her flat in St. John's Wood and, if all goes as planned, move full time to her country place near Malaga, Spain.

**Ken McDonald 5T7** and his wife Denise continue to live in Allentown, PA. In November '05 they traveled to Brooklyn, NY, where Ken was one of five to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of his high school, St. Augustine Diocesan High School—a well-deserved honor! He and Denise were joined by several members of their family to celebrate the occasion.

**Fr. Tom McKillop 5T0** was inducted into the Order of Canada 18 Nov '05, 28 Spring 2006 St. Michael's



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MIMI MARROCCO

On 2 November 2005 the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada announced the appointment of two St. Michael's grads, Frank Marrocco and Pat Moore, as Justices of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario; they were sworn in on 14 December 2005. They join several other St. Michael's graduates who have been appointed to the Bench.

recognizing his long and fruitful service of the Church and society. To many he is known for beginning Youth Corps, an organization that focused on the formation of young Christian leaders. Youth Core staged "The Event", a series of huge gatherings of young people who listened to and interacted with such Christian leaders as Jean Vanier, Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, and Fr. Henri Nouwen. "Fr. Tom" was involved in many other important works: leadership weekends and retreats, arranging service opportunities with the mentally and physically handicapped, and prison visitations and counseling. He has published two books for young people: *What's Happening to My Life: A Teenage Journey*, and *What's it All About: Youth in Search of Meaning*. Fr. McKillop has also served as Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Toronto, and of St. John Chrysostom Parish in Newmarket, ON. He now resides in Anglin House, a Basilian residence in Toronto.

**J. Patrick Moore 6T9** has been appointed Justice of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. A former partner with the firm Rogers Moore, he is former Director and member of the Advocates Society and member of the Toronto Lawyers' Association. A frequent speaker for the Canadian Bar Association and the Ontario Bar Association, he has also served as an instructor at the Ontario Center for Advocacy Training. Pat and his wife,

The Hon. Madame Justice Tamarin Dunnet, live in Mississauga, ON and have four children: Kelly, Becky, Fred, and Tiffany. (See picture above).

**William Moreau 9T1** teaches Grade 6 at Owen Public School with the North York School District. He continues his research into the works of early Canadian travel writer David Thompson.

**Sherri Murphy 5T9**, President of Sherri Murphy Public Relations, devotes several hours a month to the United Nations Association of New York, attending board meetings and programs, and finding program

speakers. She was made Vice-President of the organization in June '05; she is also Vice-President of the social group British Schools and Universities. Sherri sings in the New York Canterbury Choral Society as well. She reports that she often sees **Marianne Sciolino 7T3**, who is not only her NYC neighbour, but is, like herself, involved in public relations for the arts.

**Mark Neil 9T4** and his wife Angela welcomed their first child, a son, Peter, 4 Aug '05. They reside in Vancouver, BC, where Mark is a Vice-President with Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management.

**Angela Nikolakakas 9T5** and **Peter Carayiannis 9T2** were married in St. Constantine's and St. Helen's Church, Toronto 21 Jan. '06; **Fr. Bob Madden, CSB 5T2** participated in the ceremony. Angela and Peter live in Toronto, where they both practice law. Among the SMCers present were **John Zannata 9T3** with his wife Sandy, and **Anne-Marie Carayian-nis Beaucaire 9T5** with her husband Martin Beaucaire (Anne-Marie and Martin were married last August).

**James O'Brien 9T5** is married and has a daughter, Grace. He lives in St. Paul, MN, and works in heavy duty truck sales.

**Dr. Nancy Olivieri 7T5**, UofT Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Director of the Hemoglobinopathy Pro-



PHOTO: COURTESY OF NANCY OLIVIERI

Nancy Olivieri 7T5 and co-worker with a few of her thalassemia patients in Sri Lanka.



gram, and recipient several times over of honors and awards for her contributions to medical science, to health and well being, to medical ethics, and for her professional devotion to her patients, does not practice only in Toronto. Many of the patients she voluntarily treats personally are children in Sri Lanka who suffer from thalassemia, a life threatening blood disorder similar to sickle cell anemia that is the most common single gene disorder in the world. Patients in Canada and the USA receive effective treatment for this disease and generally lead long and productive lives, children with thalassemia in Sri Lanka may die in the first decade of life. Nancy spends several weeks a year in Sri Lanka volunteering her medical expertise and talent to bring health and hope to these children. She has a charity, *Hemoglobin*, that provides treatment and appropriate medical equipment. The devastating tsunami of December '04 swept away many hospitals and clinics treating victims, the clinic, safely inland, which Nancy helped develop and at which she serves, survived the tsunami, but she and fellow *Hemoglobin* volunteers are working with local medical personnel on solutions to this complicating major problem as they carry on their healing work. Nancy has been assisted in her work by volunteer students from St. Michael's and the UofT, St. Michael's students, through the Social Justice Office of the College Chaplaincy, recently donated \$200 for the purchase of one of the infusion pumps crucial to effective treatment. For more details about her work in Sri Lanka, and *Hemoglobin* (and ways to be of assistance, should you wish to do so). [www.hemoglobin.org](http://www.hemoglobin.org), or [info@hemoglobin.org](mailto:info@hemoglobin.org), phone 416-340-3979

**Kathleen O'Neill 7T5** has accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of Hydro One Inc., a holding company wholly owned by the Province of Ontario that operates in electricity transmission and distribution and telecom businesses. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Kathleen was formerly Executive Vice-President with BMO Financial, and a partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers. She has chaired the St. Joseph's Health Cen-

tre's Board of Directors, and serves on several non-profit boards. Kathleen and her husband, **Anthony Daley 7T6**, Vice-President, Bank of Nova Scotia, have four children: Sheleagh, Aileen, Kathleen, and Patrick. They live in Toronto.

**Barbara Ferdynus Phillips 7T0** reports that she has retired from teaching, but continues to work occasionally. Barbara has had her poetry published in various places, most recently in *The Bywords Quarterly Journal*, her chapbook, *Tympanic Mysteries*, was published by Pun Night Lady Productions in August '05.

**Andre Poles 9T0** (Osgoode Hall Law '94) has been appointed General Counsel and Chief Compliance officer for Abria Alternative Investments Inc. Formerly Senior Associate in Torys LLP, Andre has also served as Vice-President, Director and Counsel at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (Canada) and Chair of the Regulatory Committee of the Investment Funds Institute of Canada. He is also a non-practicing member of the Law Society of England and Wales.

**Fr. Joseph Redican, CSB 7T4, MDiv 8T2**, formerly Principal/President of Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit, MI, has been appointed President of St. Michael's College School, Toronto.

**Mary Margaret Runge 9T2** received a PhD in Psychology in August '05 from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Rosemary Macedo Sinclair 9T1** (sister of Nancy 9T5 and Georgina 9T7) and her husband George welcomed their first child, Olivia Josephine, 13 Oct. '05. The Sinclairs currently live in Calgary, Alberta, where Rosemary teaches high school Biology and Chemistry for the Calgary Catholic School Board.

**Troy Scotchburn 0T3** is Marketing Director for LifeSite, which publishes *LifeSiteNews.com*, a news service focusing on cultural, life, and family issues.

**John Siebert 8T8 (MA Theol)**, has been appointed Executive Director

of *Project Ploughshares*, an ecumenical agency of the Canadian Council of Churches, affiliated with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. He has served as a Foreign Service Officer of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, as Program Officer for Human Rights and Aboriginal Justice with the United Church of Canada, and as a consultant to governments and non-governmental organizations in Canada and overseas. John and his wife, Carolyn Wiens, have two teenaged children, Dylan and Cora.

**David Simms 6T0** reinvented himself as a starving writer a few years ago and this year his first novel, *The Stars of Axuncanny*, a whimsical and rather preposterous romance, is being published by the Livingston Press at the University of West Alabama. This comes after careers in editing and teaching. He holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from SUNY-Albany. In the past year, his poetry has also appeared in *Barbaric Yawp*, *Curbside Review*, the poetry journal *Heliotrope*, and *Paper Street*. He's living in Berryville, Virginia.



Mark and Prachayawan

PHOTO: COURTESY OF KRISTA SLADE

**Mark Slade 9T6** and Prachayawan Boonchu were married 12 November '05 in St. John's Catholic Church, Bangkok, Thailand. The 450 guests came from Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Toronto, Paris, London, Shanghai, Seoul, Beijing, Colombo, Nairobi, Helsinki, Tokyo, Manila, Dubai, and Los Angeles. Among them were SMCers **Krista Slade 9T3** (sister of the groom), **Paul Bottero**

**9T4**, and **Michael Doyle 9T6** (Michael and Cecilia Barry 9T7 had earlier visited Mark on their honeymoon after their August marriage in Toronto). Prachayawan is a flight attendant for Finnair, based out of Bangkok, she joins Mark in Shanghai, where he is Director, Airfreight-Asia/Pacific for DHL Global Forwarding.

**Stephen 9T4** and **Zandra Zahorodny Smith 9T3** welcomed their fourth child, Simon Harry Zahorodny Smith 7 lbs 2 ozs 22, Aug '05 in Lakeridge Health, Oshawa, ON, a brother for Sadie, 4, Zoe, 2, and a very welcomed "Smith Brother of his own" for Zachary, 6. Stephen is in his third year as Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Secondary School in Coburg, Ont. Zandra, on maternity leave, has been a Reading Support Teacher at St. Elizabeth's School, Bowmanville, ON.

**Philip Street 8T2** and Vanessa Grant (Trin '84, BMus '91, Law Queen's '95) welcomed a son, Jamie (Roy James Grant Street) 11 April '05. They reside in Toronto, where Vanessa is with McCarthyTetrault LLP, and Philip, currently on leave from his position as graphic designer and animator for the CBC, continues to produce the comic strip "Fisher" for *The Globe and Mail*.

**Richard Tan 6T1** was recently awarded the Hong Kong Chief Executive Commendation for Public Service for his work in AIDS prevention and education. He continues to reside and practice medicine in Kowloon Hong Kong, China.

**John Taylor 6T5** retired in July '05 after twenty-five years as editorial page editor of *The News Journal* in Wilmington, Delaware and has taken up a new position, Executive Director of the Delaware Public Policy Institute.

**Dr. Philip Ziegler 9T5 (MA Theol)**, formerly Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS, took up a new academic appointment 1 Jan '06, Lecturer in Systematic Theology, the School of Divinity, History and Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

# St. Michael's "First" Lady

Dr. Victoria Mueller Carson 2T8 1904-2005

UPON SEEING THE TITLE OF THIS PROFILE, the late Dr. Victoria Mueller Carson, knowing and respecting the unique significance and importance of the Sisters of Loretto and the Sisters of St. Joseph in the life of St. Michael's College, with characteristic modesty and humility would politely but firmly protest her being called St. Michael's "First" Lady. Acknowledging the primacy of place of the Sisters in the account of the role of women in the history of St. Michael's, Victoria Mueller Carson is nonetheless unique in our annals in a way that qualifies her for that title:

**First** class honours as pre-university, undergraduate and graduate student

**First** person ever to receive a UofT Doctoral Degree in German Literature

**First** lay woman to teach at St. Michael's

**First** lay woman to teach at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies

**First** Head (and founder) of the

St. Michael's German Department

**First** woman Head of a Department in UofT's Faculty of Arts and Science

**First** person to teach co-ed classes at St. Michael's

**First** woman to receive an honorary doctoral degree from St. Michael's

Victoria Mueller Carson,  
St. Michael's Honorary Doctor  
of Sacred Letters 1977.



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Joining the St. Michael's faculty in 1931, her studies in German Literature, specializing in Silesian writers, especially Herman Stehr, included research in Berlin, Munich, Vienna, and Yale. In the years after she received her UofT PHD, her publications and lectures won her international recognition; she was awarded the Herman Stehr Bronze Medallion in Germany in 1964, and appointed the Canadian representative on the Board of the Stehr Archives in Bavaria.

The significant contribution she made to strengthening the relationship between St. Michael's and the University, her respected presence on many academic University and College committees, her dedication to research, and her publications did not detract from her excellence and sensitivity as a teacher, "a warm, and inspiring presence in the classroom [and] efficient guide of graduate students." She sponsored tea-socials and other gatherings for the first-year St. Michael's women students to

help them get to know each other and adapt to college/university life. With Dr. Larry Lynch 3T6 she helped plan and organize and then participated in an annual lecture series that encouraged women's leadership in civic and diocesan affairs. The Whitsun Conference established for women by the Loretto Sisters at Loretto College also benefited from her active participation. In 1978, forty-seven years after she began teaching at St. Michael's, a pamphlet commemorating the 50th anniversary of her class of 2T8 notes that Dr. Mueller Carson "is still active around the campus and very dear to her former students." The Jesuit Bulletin of winter '60 recorded her and other Catholics' contributions to academic scholarship, stating, "We pay tribute to these dedicated men and women and acknowledge our heavy dependence on them."

Presenting Professor Mueller Carson for her St. Michael's honorary degree in 1977, the late Sister Frances Nims, IBVM 3T9 described her as "Christian wife and

mother, dedicated scholar and teacher, loved member of the faculty of St. Michael's College, and valiant woman, who has read with exceptional clarity the signs of the times and responded to those signs with intelligence, Christian optimism, and deep human concern, a woman of great simplicity and great fortitude who cared for the things of the mind, for things of the spirit, for the simple needs of her neighbour.... With exceptional courage and compassion and joy, she has translated her awareness of God's care into a lifetime's service to others as wife, mother, scholar, teacher, friend. She has found her human fulfillment in radical unselfishness."

The words of the Prophet Daniel were aptly chosen by her son Paul for the memorial Mass offered for Victoria Mueller Carson in St. Basil's Church:

*The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.*

## REST IN PEACE

# In Memoriam

Alexander Rev., Arthur Edwards	4T8	Edwards, Frederick J	5T1	Midghall, Marie (Kirby)	4T7
Allan, Bernard J C	6T4	Fitzpatrick, Leo	4T2	Miller, Rev. Joseph A	4T9
Armstrong, Robert J	5T1	Foster, Gail Marie T (Ricci)	7T4	Minehan, Frank T	4T4
Atkinson, Cavan F	4T8	Giampuzzi, Marie J (Prezely)	8T0	Moloney, Rev. Oliver	4T1
Babcock, Gerald L	4T0	Gibson, Marie A (Fournier)	6T5	Monahan, Dr. Arthur	4T9
Bennett, Sr. Noreen P	3T7	Granton, Bernard William	5T5	O'Brien, James R	5T0
Bertram, Robert W	6T5	Hamilton, Robert J P	4T8	O'Connell, Sr. Mary Daniel CSJ	6T9
Carson, Dr. Victoria E (Mueller)	2T8	Hayden, Gerald F	4T7	Pickles, Jonathan Francis	7T2
Carullo, Daniel J	0T2	Henry, John J T	3T9	Riley, George C	4T0
Collins, Bernice Eva	5T8	Higgins, Sr. Mary	7T0	Roberts, Marianne E (Soroka)	8T3
Corrigan, Donald James	5T9	Hill, Linda	6T4	Sheehan, Daniel A	9T6
Curley, R Russell	3T8	Jacobi, Dr. Anton	5T5	Smith, Katherine N	3T7
D'Angelo, John M	7T8	Jerome, The Hon. Mr. Justice James	5T4	Stelmach, Lew B	7T9
D'Arcangelo, Dr. Luciana	7T7	Kennedy, Sharon (Viola)	7T7	Valley-Fischer, Dr. Lois (Valley)	5T3
Dansereau, Sr. Florence	5T7	Kutcy, Dr. Robert R	6T2	Walsh, Joseph E	3T4
DeMaraco, Victoria I (Longo)	4T0	Mastrodonato, Dr. Richard	5T7	Wasylenki, Dr. Alexander J	3T5
Denison, George P M	4T1	Maurer, Richard E	4T3	Weatherhead, Donna M B	6T6
Deuel, Sheila C E (O'Leary)	4T8	McEvenue, William	4T4	Weber, Mary Rita (Harcourt)	6T1
Dietrich, Gloria K M (Zuber)	4T2	McGivern, Donald	3T7	Weller, Steve A V	6T4
Doughy, Miriam J (Dever)	4T5	Meraw, Michael H	5T7		



# 2005 Arbor Award Recipients

People whose caring lights a path for the rest of us

The Arbor Awards recognize the outstanding personal service of volunteers who have made generous commitments of their time, energy and expertise to assist the University of St. Michael's College

## **Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau**

A 1962 St. Michael's College graduate, Mary Catherine Birgeneau has played an active role in many University of Toronto events. As the wife of Robert J. Birgeneau, UofT's president from 2000 to 2004, she helped preside over numerous award ceremonies and alumni events around the world as well as faculty and college events. The SMC community has benefited tremendously from Mary Catherine's participation and presence in particular as the Chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

## **Marley O'Brien Carroll**

A 1970 St. Michael's College graduate, Marley Carroll has been an impressive class representative for 35 years, helping to orchestrate class reunions every five years. She has also been an active member of the Friends of the Kelly Library since its inception, helping with the inaugural St. Mike's alumni book sale in 2004. Now she's hard at work on next year's sale.

## **Gerald M. Devlin**

Gerry Devlin is a loyal member of the St. Michael's College family. A 1955 St. Mike's graduate, Devlin, with his wife, Irene, has participated in telethons, attended alumni programs and assisted in planning a variety of events. For his class' 50th anniversary reunion, Devlin not only encouraged class members to attend, he ensured that they helped to organize many of the events.

## **Irene Stacey Devlin**

A 1988 graduate of Woodsworth College, Irene Devlin is a long-time friend of the University of St. Michael's College. Generous not only in helping fund projects at St. Mike's, Irene with her husband Gerry, has helped with events, attended alumni lectures and assisted with phoning at telethons. She also contributed to the successful 50th anniversary celebration of the Class of 1955.



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L to R: Peter A. Rogers 6TB, Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau 6T2, Kathleen Ancker, Director of Alumni Affairs, Marley O'Brien Carroll 7T0, President Richard Alway 6T2, Irene Devlin 8TB, Gerald Devlin 5T5, Brian O'Malley, Executive Director, Alumni Affairs & Development, and Fr. Harold B. Gardner, C5B 5T4

## **Father Harold B. Gardner**

A 1954 St. Michael's College graduate, Harold Gardner has served the college in several capacities – as a Latin teacher, a librarian, the registrar, a chaplain, the dean of men, a residence don and as a member for 17 years on the Collegium, St. Mike's governing body. For many years, he counseled students and supported their involvement in a large number of extra-curricular activities.

## **Peter A. Rogers**

Peter Rogers is an active member of St. Michael's College's Class of 1968. He stays in touch with schoolmates, gathering them together for events and encouraging them to attend celebrations. Rogers is also an alumni representative on the Collegium, St. Mike's governing body, and past chair of the College's book sale.



Karen Chambers 8T8

Katie Di Tomasso's explanation of her reason for serving on the Alumni Association Board is characteristic of all her colleagues' responses: "St. Michael's College is very important to me. When I was here, I made a lot of friends, received an excellent education and took away many good memories. I'm involved now so that future students can enjoy the benefits of St. Mike's and more good memories can be made."

#### ERRATA:

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We are happy to extend a sincere apology to Regis M. Trudel 7T2. We received mis-information and included his name in our Rest in Peace Column in the Fall 2002 issue of DoubleBlue.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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# 2005-2006



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Retired (and traveling!)



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The last six months of St. Mike's as the camera of Eva Wong saw them



Marley O'Brien Carroll 7T0 sorting books for the Book Sale



Fr. Harold Gardner, CSB 5T4 (left), Brian O'Malley, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Development with Rosanne Rocchi 7T3 at the Lawyers' Breakfast, 27 September 2005, at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



The Santa Claus Parade Party



Kathleen Ancker, Director of Alumni Affairs presents Gift Box to SMC Graduate at the UofT Fall Convocation



Reception at the Bank of Montreal hosted by Tony Comper 6T6, President and CEO, 12 December, 2005. L to R: Robert 6T8 and Andrea Chisholm; Tony Comper with Dorothy Speirs, Co-ordinator, Book and Media Studies, the evening's speaker, and Brian O'Malley



L to R: Fred Sutherland 6T4 with Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara, CSJ 5T6, Karen Tuckey Abbott 5T6 and Pat Sutherland at the Christmas Tea



Boozier Brown competitors unite with friends after the tie game.



